

While the reports from the eastern war theatre, embracing the region from Courland to southeastern Galicia, indicate that the Germans and Austrians are still pressing the Russians hard in combat or tenaciously following them in retreat, military observers here are hoping that the approaching equinoxial season will limit the further forward movement of the Teutons and force them to be content with the fruit of their past successes, as the winter season falls upon them

Resume Activities.

Both Berlin and Vienna lay empha sis on the statement that Field Marvon Hindenburg's forces along the Drina river in Courland have renewed their activities, which were brought to a sudden halt recently with the success of the Russians in holding Riga as a menace to Von Hindenburg's rear. In southeastern Rusin the Brest-Litovsk region, the Austrians and Germans are chiefly concerned in driving Grand Duke Nicholas's army further into the Prip et marshes, evidently with the pur pose of repeating the early score of the Germans in the Mazurian lake region of East Prussia.

With the opening of the autumn months, the military observers are directing attention to the fact that the Russian fall storms are due to begin about October 21. They assert that they are the danger limit to military operations in the eastern field. is recalled by some of these observ ers that the autumnal equinox mark ed the turning point in the Napole-The first warning onic campaign. was a slight snowfall, preceding the equinox, but soon afterward heavy snows fell and with them came disaster to Napoleon.

Desperate fighting continues the Dardanelles in the vicinity of the spot where the British recently made their landing. The Turkish reports claim the re-capture by the Ottoman forces of allied trenches, with heavy allied casualties. These claims, how

FULL RETREAT OF

in the Val Surgano, where they are blowing up bridges and viaducts and destroying all roads and railways as The other is in the region of the upper Isonzo, where the Italian Alipini is wresting an important mountain summit from the Aus-

The latest official reports show that the Italians are now well advanced beyond Plezzo and are attacking the summit of Monte Rombon, 6000 feet high, which overlooks the valley of the Coritenza, a tributary of the Isonzo, and also commands the highway that culminates in Predil pass at a height of 3500 feet and thence deinto the Zebach valley, where the Italians captured positions about week ago.

The Austrians are in a precarious position at Tarvis, as well as at Tol-mino and Gorizia, not to mention the strong series of defenses lost of Val

Vienna. Aug. 30, via London, 7:25 p. m.—The following official state ment was given out by the Austrian war office tonight:

Italian theatre of war: Yesterday the enemy maintained an artillery fire of intermittent strength along the fronts in the coastal district. Hostile attacks against several points were repulsed. In the Carinthian and Tyrolean frontier districts the situation is unchanged.

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Salt Lake, Aug. 31 -Reports by telephone from the city farm in Mountain Dell late last night were that the farm is surrounded with flames on three sides A strong force is guarding the barns and buildings, which, it is believed will be saved, but which are admitted to be in grave danger.

Forty men, including a number of deputy sheriffs and a party of speial employes of the forest service, left for the scene at 9 o'clock last

Reinforced by the mountain winds, the forest fire raging in Mountain Dell and Emigration canyons, thought to be under control Sunday night, has spread over many thousands of acres of timber and brush and is burning

nore flercely than before. Hundreds of men under the direc tion of city and county officials and aided by the United States forest service rangers, are fighting the ever-extending line of flame, and new crews are being dispatched to their relief as fast as the sheriff and waer officials can recruit them.

Driven back upon Killyon canyon and away from the homes of the summer colonists, the fire crossed the ridges to the east and the south hreatening the city farm. terday a thick cloud of smoke hung over the eastern range for many miles testifying to the extent of the destruc

As yet no private property nor sum ner homes have been destroyed but the damage to the watershed and the grazing ranges is incalculable

Those fighting the fire declare it is the most destructive and extensive that has raged in the vicinity of Salt Lake in many years. Varying winds have swept the flames like magic over the ridges and across the canyons until both sides of Mountain Dell, Killyon and the upper reaches of Emigration canyon are either aflame or in blackened ruin. Climbing Big mountain, the fire ate its way into the East canvon slope where great tracts of timber are open

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 30 -From the frustrated loor of the constitutional convention today President Elihu Root condemn-ed the system of "bossism" and "invisible government, which, he said, to his knowledge has dominated New York for forty years, and pleaded that the people be armed with the short ballot that they may establish their own rule. It is all wrong, he declared, that any other rule should exist.
"This domination." Mr. Root de-

clared, in part, "has caused a deep federa and sullen and long continued resentment among the people at being governed by men not of their choosing. They demand a change. The short ballot plan is a solution, or at least. work out a solution.

"When I go back home as I am about to go, to spend my declining years, I mean to go with the feeling

God of my fathers. Mr. Root was speaking particularly in behalf of the short ballot and departmental reorganization proposal. It has had the support of the so-called "federal crowd" in the convention but has been opposed by members of the "old guard." Among those who have supported it are Mr. Root, George W.

Wickersham, Henry L. Stimson, and

Frederick Lanner, the Republican state chairman. Lemuel Ely Quigg, Ray B. Smith and Edgar T. Brackett who long have fought with the "regulars" in the state, opposed it.

After discussing the proposal specifically, Mr. Root said:

What Is Government? "We talk about the government of the constitution. What is the government of this state? What has it been during the forty years of my acquaintances with it? The government of the constitution? Oh, no, not half the time, or half way. When I asked what did the people find wrong in our state government, my mind goes rage in which the people arose and tore down the political leader, first of one party and then of the other

party. "I am talking about the system From the days of Fenton and Conk-ling and Arthur and Cornwall and Platt, from the days of David B. Hill lown to the present time, the governnent of the state has presented two different lines of activity, one of the constitutional and statutory officers of the state, and the other of the party leaders-they call them party

"They are called the system-the 'invisible government.' For I don't remember how many years Mr. Conk-ling was the supreme ruler in this state; the governor did not count, legislatures did not count. And in a creat outburst of public rage he was pulled down.

"Then Mr. Platt ruled the state for nigh upon twenty years. And the capital was not here; it was at 49 Broadway, with Mr. Platt and his lieutenants.

Resented by People. state a deep and sullen resentme. being governed thus by men not of

the people's choosing. "The party leader is selected by no one, accountable to no one. Bound to no oath of officers, removable by

"I don't criticize the men of the invisible government. How can 1? I have known them all, and among them have been some of my dearest friends. But it is all wrong that a government not authorized by the people should be continued superior to the government that is authorized

by the people.

"All parties are alike. The system extends through all What the unerring instinct of the

democracy of our state has seen in this government is that a different standard of morality is applied to the conduct of affairs of state than that which is applied in private affairs.

Susceptible to Change. "I deny that we cannot change it. I assert that this perversion of democracy can be changed as truly as the atmosphere which made the credscandal possible in the congress of the United States was blown away by the force of public opinion.
"We can take this one step toward

not robbing the people of their part in government, but toward robbing irresponsible autocracy of its indefensible and unjust and undemo cratic control of government, and restoring it to the people to be exerclsed by the men of their choice and their control."

The short ballot and general civil state department reorganization proposal, which Mr. Root advocated tonight, would strike from the elective ist the offices of secretary of state, state treasurer, engineer and survey-Department heads, appointed by

the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, would assume the duties now borne by these offices. Cut Down Bureaus.

All the state departments and bureaus, of which there are now 168, be grouped under fifteen heads which would be made constitutional offices. No new independent departments could be created by the legislature.

Only two department heads, the at torney general and the comptroller, would be elective. The secretary of state would be given supervision over elections

The attorney general and comptrol er, as well as all appointive heads of departments, would be subjected to impeachment in the same manner as he governor

proposal was advanced to the order of final passage late tonight important amendment most adopted tonight gives the governor the right to name the secretary of state, state treasurer, tax commis-sion, the secretary of charities and commissioners of accounts, health and agriculture without the consent of the senate. Nominations of all other appointive officers will require the confirmation of the senate.

the arrest here of Twenty-six Mexicans, twenty-three of whom were de tained late today. Chief of Lancaster and federal authorities tonight announced that a plan to in-cite the Mexican population of San Antonio to deeds of violence had been The prisoners, according to Chief

Lancaster, are followers of the so called plan of San Diego, an extravaley caused the program for the establishment of the new government timber.

Is to watersheds rather than standing would take.

Responses to go amiss, and at the same time federal officials were put on their

Three of the leaders were arrested Sunday night while addressing a was run down at her wharf. crowd of 1,000 Mexicans on the marballot plan is a solution, or at least, ket plaza. The addresses were of it may be the first step that will an inflammatory nature and calculated to arouse the poorer classes of Mexicans to deeds of violence,

> eeping a c se watch to prev possible nprising in San Antonio Three speakers, it was learned, had gathered about 1,000 Mexicans around

them and in passionate outbursts of them and in passionate outbursts of orestry department men, after pass- at the latest. They think it will oratory, pictured to them a tale of persecution of their fellolws. Chief Lancaster, Police Inspector Mussey and Captain Welch heard their remarks.

"One speaker" Chief Lancaster mountains "One speaker," Chief Lancaster mountains.

said, "after abusing the president of mane, (meaning Americans and Ger-

charged the crowd and arrested the in Los Angeles. leaders, but not without a fight. As the officers were withdrawing one of the Mexicans shouted: "Now is the

ime to rise. Let us kill the grin-The arrival of the police for the time being quited the uprising. Twenty-three Mexicans will

the service given."

ager of the Standard.

subscriber of the Standard or not, shall have

party of Mexican agitators, which pro- Pacific slope from Vancouver to the for a conference of Mexican military claims the "republic of Texas," to be governed by Mexicans. Recent uprisings in the lower Rio Grande value. Was large, all seemed stubborn. For the most part the damage threatened what form this next development

Smoke from the fires clouded Puget his military advisers reached

destroying much timber and grain.

forestry department men, after pass- at the latest.

the United States, the government of this country and the white race generally, openly declared. It is no of Santa Barbara, a coast and winter harm to kill a gringo and an aller resort of many wealthy easterners. Heat of an intensity unusual along

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ted authoritatively tonight that the next step in the Pan-American program for restoration of peace in Mexunder consideration co was and would be taken in the near future regardless of what might be the nature of General Carranza's belated reply San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 30 -For- to the offer of Secretary Lansing and gant manifesto promulgated by a est fires were reported along the Latin-American diplomats to arrange

Responses from General Zapata and

Sound until navigation was perilous, state department today, accepting the two boats having suffered within a offer of the Pan-American conferees week. One grounded and the other With the receipt of these replies, Vil la adherents in Washington whose Many Fires Burning. leaders already have responded fa-Many fires were burning tonight in vorably, asserted that a peace conleaders already have responded fa-Oregon. Seven started by lightning vention to form a new provisional in the vicinity of Medford several government in Mexico was assured days ago still were giving trouble, even if Carranza should refuse to about to go, to spend my declining years, I mean to go with the feeling that I can say I have not failed to speak and to act in accordance with the speak and to accordance

General Carranza's local agents de-Ten miles east of Bonner's Ferry, clared today that they expected the Idaho, a fire summoned twenty-five "first chief" reply within a few days

statement tonight denying reports tration. In California, the fifth presumably of dissension in Carranza's forces and

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING IN IDAHO Boise, Idaho, Aug. 30.—More than 400 men, rushed in special trains over nans)."
the coast aided the flames. At noon 400 men, rushed in special trains over it was at this point that the police the thermometer showed 97 degrees the Idaho Northern railroad, are fighting fires today in south central Idaho that threaten to destroy thousands of acres of valuable timber belonging to the government, the state, the Boise-

Without rain for six weeks, tiful sight, the forests are dry and fires have started to play havoc.

land near Idaho City and burned over minarets and pinnacles hang from 100 acres. It is said to be under con- the walls and top of the cave in myrtrol. The second is raging along the iad numbers. Bear river north of Boise and has covered a large area. The third and the most dangerous is in heavy timber along the north fork of the Payette river, near Banks. Fire fighters are being rushed there, where the flames are raging in the Payette national forest and on state timber

toosevelt has a small fortune awaitng him if he joins the English colors. George Gess, a real estate dealer living in Brooklyn, will hand over a certified check for \$10,000 if T. R. will the car. Messerliss is accused of firshoulder a musket and start for ing the shot. The money was not France. He made the offer tonight touched. Because a strike was in and said that other German-Ameri- progress at the time of the murder, cans living in Brooklyn would double labor trouble is thought to have been the sum.
"I voted for Roosevelt three times,"

he said. "And I even went so far as to leave the Republican party in his behalf. But he talks entirely too I want to see him back up much some of his remarks. I want to see him start out like a real fighting dry people, John Robinson, the universal man, and if he does I have \$10,000 I of the mules, was kicked and is in a shall hand him. "Roosevelt denounces Germany and

even insults our president, our secreof war, and our whole adminis-What we citizens should do is to let Wilson alone."

DR. H. M. ROWE SEES ICE CAVE OF UTAH

Dr. H. M. Rowe has returned from an automobile trip to Ice Cave, a wonder cavern, located in a forest reserve off the Bear Lake road, in Logan canyon. The cave, he says, must be explored by torch light or electric flash light and when viewed in this

There is an underground river in

the cavern, the source and mouth of The first fire broke out on state which are unknown, and fantastic

> SUSPECTED MURDERER OF MINE OPERATOR. Bingham, Aug. 30.-Michael Messer-

> liss, a Greek, is under arrest here charged with the shooting and killing last February of William Dick, paymaster for a mining company in Walsenburg, Colo. The arrest was Deputy Sheriff Charles Wood, Patrolman Riley Patton and Willsie, district superintendent for the Pinkerton Detective agency, with offices in Salt Lake

According to the police Dick was driving an automobile from Walsenburg to the mine with \$30,000 in the car, pay money for the miners

The shot was fired as the car sped over the road. It turned turtle when responsible for the crime.

DRIVER KICKED BY MULES.

Park City, Aug. 30 .- This morning. while taking care mules owned by the Park City lauscritical condition Robinson had turned the mules out to water and was waiting in the stable for them to return, as he always has done, so that he could harness them and hitch them up. When they returned this morning they stopped and kicked at their driver, striking him in the abdominal region and causing an un-usual amount of agony. It is im-possible at the present time to learn how badly the man is injured.

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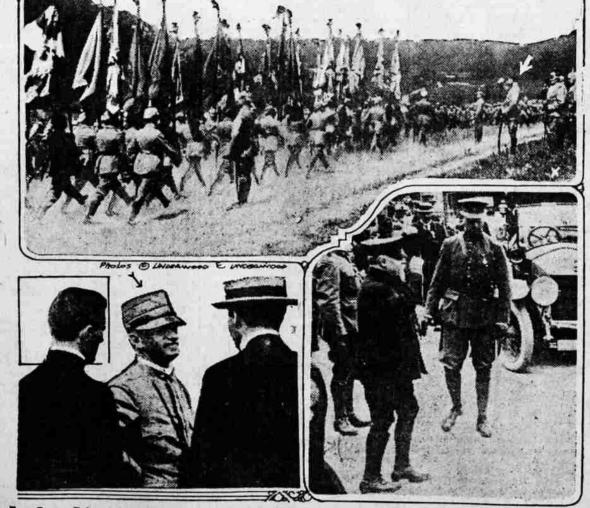
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